



DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES SEEKS QUALIFIED APPLICANTS (ENGINEERS)

SACRAMENTO – The California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) is looking for a few good people who are professional engineers knowledgeable about oil and gas.

"We're seeking experienced engineers for three classifications – Associate Oil and Gas Engineer; Senior Oil and Gas Engineer; and Supervising Oil and Gas Engineer" State Oil and Gas Supervisor Tim Kustic said. "These are positions that will help to create more jobs in the oil and gas industry. With our new process, interested individuals can take the Associate & Senior examination in the comfort of their own home and send it to us for evaluation or if interested in the Supervising Oil and Gas Engineer, you can submit a State Application for evaluation in that specific process."

DOGGR has offices in six oil and gas districts and three geothermal districts around California. It supervises the drilling, operation, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of onshore and offshore wells to ensure that life, health, property, and natural resources are protected. Division programs include well permitting and testing; safety inspections; oversight of production and injection projects; environmental lease inspections; idle-well testing; inspecting oilfield tanks, pipelines, and sumps; hazardous and orphan well plugging and abandonment contracts; and subsidence monitoring.

Currently, DOGGR has nine Associate Oil and Gas Engineer positions available – three in Bakersfield, five in Cypress (Orange County) and one in Santa Maria (Santa Barbara

County). For the Supervising Oil and Gas Engineer positions, one in Bakersfield, one in Cypress (Orange County) and one in Sacramento. The examination bulletin can be found here (under *filing instructions*):

ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/publications/Assoc_Oil_Gas_Engineer_Sup_Exam_Bulletin.pdf.

For the Supervising Engineer bulletin: Supervising Oil and Gas Engineer - Continuous (PDF)

"The Associate Engineer classification is a full journeyman-level position dealing with the bulk of our permitting load and with underground injection," Kustic said. "Industry is very active around the state. These jobs will help create jobs in the oil and gas industry. We need some good people who know the business. The Supervising Engineer classification has full charge of the activities of a large oil and gas district and may coordinate activities for several districts. We don't currently have any openings for Senior engineers, but we could in the near future. That's a supervisory position – mainly office work with limited field time."

Both notices to drill and permits issued increased in 2011 compared to 2010. It is estimated California wells produced nearly 197 million barrels of oil and 244 billion cubic feet of natural gas last year. Final numbers will be available later this year.

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